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To

All District Collectors/ District Magistrates/
Deputy Commissioners all States/Union Territories

Subject: Wide Publicity and Nomination for Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar

Sir/Madam,

The Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar is announced annually on 23rd January, the birth anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose, to recognise outstanding contributions in the field of Disaster Management.

2. District Administrations are at the forefront of disaster preparedness, response, relief and rehabilitation. The leadership shown by District Magistrates/Collectors and their teams during natural and man-made disasters plays a decisive role in safeguarding lives and property. Numerous innovative and impactful initiatives are undertaken at the district level, often under challenging circumstances, which merit national recognition.

3. The award recognises exceptional work in prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, relief, rehabilitation, research, innovation and capacity building. It is conferred in two categories — **Individual (Scroll and Medal)** and **Institution (Scroll and Plaque)**. Nominations remain open throughout the year on the National Awards Portal, and both self-nominations and third-party nominations are permitted.

4. In this regard, you are requested to:

(a) Widely disseminate information regarding the award among all district-level departments, emergency response agencies, local bodies, civil defence units, community-based organisations and volunteers.

(b) Identify and encourage nomination of deserving individuals, district-level institutions, response teams and community initiatives that have demonstrated excellence in disaster management.

(c) Ensure that information about the award is placed on the district website and communicated through appropriate official channels for maximum outreach.

5. Your proactive support will greatly assist in recognising exemplary work at the grassroots level and in promoting a culture of excellence and innovation in disaster risk reduction across the country. A brief factsheet about the Award including previous awardees is enclosed for wide publicity.

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Yours faithfully,

Rakhee Sadhu

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Deputy Secretary (Admn)

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Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar Recognising Excellence in Disaster Management

The Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar is a prestigious national honour announced every year on 23rd January, the birth anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose, to recognise and acknowledge the invaluable contributions of individuals and institutions in the field of disaster management. Instituted by the Government of India, the award seeks to highlight exemplary work and best practices that strengthen the country's capacity to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters.

The award recognises outstanding contributions across the entire spectrum of disaster management, including prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, research, innovation, early warning systems, community awareness, and capacity building. It aims to encourage innovation, promote best practices, and inspire individuals, organisations and institutions to contribute actively towards building a safer and disaster-resilient India. By celebrating exceptional efforts in disaster risk reduction and humanitarian response, the award also helps in disseminating successful models and motivating wider participation in strengthening national disaster resilience.

Award Categories

- Individual – Scroll and Medal
- Institution – Scroll and Plaque

Who Can Apply / Be Nominated?

Eligible nominees include

- Individuals
- Institutions / Organizations
- National & State level entities
- District authorities
- Research & Academic Institutions
- NGOs & Civil Society Organisations
- Private sector organisations

Both Indian citizens and institutions are eligible.

Previous Awardees

Year	Individual Category	Institutional Category
2019		8th Battallon, National Disaster Response Force
2020	Shri K. M. Singh	Disaster Mitigation & Management Centre, Uttarakhand
2021	Dr. Rajendra Kumar Bhandari	Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society
2022	Prof. Vinod Sharma	Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management
2023		Odisha State Disaster Management Authority & Lunglei Fire Station, Mizoram
2024		60 Parachute Field Hospital, Uttar Pradesh
2025		Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services
2026	Lieutenant Colonel Seeta Ashok Shelke	Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority

Nomination Process

- Nominations are open throughout the year
- Applications must be submitted online through the *National Awards Portal*
- Self-nomination and third-party nomination are permitted

Let Us Recognise and Celebrate Commitment to Disaster Resilience

Authorities are requested to widely disseminate this information and encourage deserving individuals and institutions to apply through the National Awards Portal.

Honour excellence. Promote resilience. Strengthen disaster preparedness.